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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ISSUE AT ITU: VISIT OF DEPUTY SYG TO DEPT

REF: A) GENEVA 302; B) GENEVA 330

1. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT IN COURSE OF CONSULTATION WITH ITCU DEPUTY SYG BUTLER WEEK OF FEB 10, DEPT OFFICERS (EB/TD) URGED THAT THOMAS FULLER (US) BE NAMED TO PERMANENT POST OF PROJECT OFFICER (P-3) IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT. BUTLER INTENDS TO MAINTAIN FULLER IN HIS PRESENT POSITION (P-2 WITH P-3 SALARY) IN THE TCD, BUT NOT TO ASSIGN HIM TO ONE OF SIX TCD PROJECT OFFICER SLOTS NOW IN PROCESS OF BEING FILLED ON PERMANENT BASIS.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION HAS SUBMITTED NAMES OF SIX OTHER US CANDIDATES FOR THE SIX TCD OPENINGS (LUCIEN GORMONT, ROYALL MORRISON, STEPHEN HIRSCH, FORREST PINE, JOSEPH GATTI, DIETER LOHR AND PIERRE CATALA). BUTLER TOLD TEL ATT THAT ITU WAS PREPARED TO OFFER GORMONT ONE OF THE SLOTS, BUT GORMONT UNABLE TO ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT SINCE HE RECENTLY ACCEPTED TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH A SU AGENCY. BUTLER CLAIMS THAT OTHER AMERICAN CANDIDATES, INCLUDING FULLER, NOT AS WELL-QUALIFIED FOR TCD ASSIGNMENTS AS CANDIDATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES (EUROPEANS AND JAPAN).

3. MISSION VERY SURPRISED THAT FULLER HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR ONE OF THE SLOTS. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH ITU OFFICIALS,  
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FULLER, (WHO HAS BEEN FILLING TWO POSITIONS SINCE SUMMARY 1974,

ONE OF WHICH IS ACTING PROJECT OFFICER IN EURO-ASIA DIVISION)  
HAS BEEN DOING EXCELLENT WORK WHICH IS HIGHLY-VALUED BY TCD.  
WE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT FULLER WOULD CERTAINLY RECEIVE  
ONE OF THE PROJECT OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS.

4.FOR BACKGROUND, US HAS NOT HAD A SINGLE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO  
TCD/UNDP WORK FOR SOME YEARS. BILL PIERCE (P-4) IS ON  
REGULAR BUDGET PAYROLL OF TCD. AS US CONTRIBUTES ALMOST  
40 PERCENT OF UNDP FUNDS, IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT AT LEAST ONE OF UNDP-  
SUPPORTED POSTS IN ITU'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD  
BE ASSIGNED TO A QUALIFIED AMERICAN. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE  
THAT OUR UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE WELL-QUALIFIED AND AT  
LEAST ONE SHOULD BE NAMED. IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD BE STRESSED  
TO DSYG BUTLER THAT AS OF CY 1973--LAST YEAR FOR WHICH  
MISSION HAS STATISTICS--TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF AMERICAN  
PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN ITU SECRETARIAT WAS ONLY 3.75 PERCENT,  
NEXT TO LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF ANY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY AND  
LOWEST OF ANY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY IN GENEVA.

5. IF DEPT CONCURS, TEL ATT WILL CALL ON SYG MILI TO EXPRESS  
US VIEWS ON FULLER'S APPOINTMENT. WE UNSTANDABLY RELUCTANT  
TO PRESENT THE CASE OF A P-3 ASSIGNMENT TO MILI BUT FEEL  
STRONGLY THAT FULLER WILL PROBABLY LOSE OUT UNLESS THE MISSION  
PROVIDES HIM EXTRA DESERVED SUPPORT. WE THUS FAR UNABLE TO  
DETERMINE WHEN MILI WILL MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON THE POSITION  
OF PROJECT OFFICER, EURO-ASIA DIVISION, BUT HIS DECISION IS  
APPARENTLY IMMINENT SINCE FOUR OTHER PROJECT OFFICERS  
APPARENTLY HAVE ALREADY BEEN NAMED. DAL

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